



Shulamit Aloni of the CRM speaks into her microphone during yesterday's Knesset reading of the abortion bill. Voting on the bill was put off. In foreground, Mrs. Shalom Lerman (Aguda) and Zerah Warhaftig (NRP), turning to look at Mrs. Aloni. Others left to right are Dov Zakai (Mapam), Hillel Seidel (ILP) and Kalman Kahane (Aguda). (Rahamim Yisraeli)

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By AARON SITTNER, Post Knesset Reporter

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The NRP Knesset faction, discussing the budget last night, could not decide whether to vote for or against, and deferred its decision for a few days. Meanwhile Rabinowitz is expected to exert heavy pressure on NRP leaders to woo their support.

HALUHA HAKAFUL IN ENGLISH

More worthwhile

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South Lebanon free of Syrians

Post Mideast Affairs Editor

Southern Lebanon, bordering on Israel, appeared to have remained clear of Syrian troops by late last night in contrast to earlier reports they had moved south. Reports from southern Lebanon indicated that the Syrians have nevertheless dispatched patrols into the area, apparently in pursuit of Palestinian forces which were locked in several clashes with local Christian militias in the past few days.

As a force carrying out the mission of Arab peacekeeping troops, however, the Syrians were reported to have kept away from the Litani River, set by Israel as a "red line" limit beyond which it would not tolerate the stationing of non-Lebanese troops.

Vance to Mideast February 14 to 21

By WOLF BLITZER, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The White House yesterday officially announced that Secretary of State Cyrus Vance will visit Israel and five Arab states from February 14 to 21.

Presidential spokesman Jody Powell added that President Carter "believes it is essential to have a first-hand understanding of the views of Middle East leaders at the earliest possible time as the Administration considers how it can most effectively contribute to the peace process."

Powell said that the Vance mission should be seen as highlighting "the importance the President attaches to making significant progress this year toward a just and lasting peace."

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Arab boycott issue in Canada

By CHARLES LAZARUS, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

MONTREAL. — The Arab boycott campaign has surfaced in Canada as a major political and economic issue with the coming of the election in Quebec and Ontario in a position to take anti-boycott action, even if the federal government does not.

This does not mean, of course, that these two provinces will indeed invoke legal sanctions against companies found cooperating with the Arab boycott, even in the most tenuous legalistic way.

SPAGHETTI'S READY

The chef at a central military base kitchen demonstrates his culinary finesse during an inspection tour yesterday by IDF logistics chief Aluf Arye Levy. (IPPA)

Jordan resumes funds to West Bank in Feb.

By ANAN SAFADI, Post Mideast Affairs Editor

Jordan will next month resume channelling large-scale subsidies to municipal councils in the West Bank where a majority of residents have sounded recent calls for reunion with King Hussein. Saudi Arabia and other oil-rich Arab states are expected to contribute to the fund, which is estimated at \$30m. for this year.

Two-thirds of the Jordanian subsidies will go to West Bank city councils while the rest will be divided between village councils and religious, welfare and cultural institutions. This in addition to a \$500,000 bill which Jordan never stopped paying in salaries to some 6,000 former Jordanian Government officials living in the West Bank and East Jerusalem.

Egypt getting \$990m. aid

CAIRO. — The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has agreed to loan Egypt \$100m. this year to help reduce its balance of payments deficit. "Al-Ahram" reported yesterday. These were the contents of a report from an IMF delegation now visiting Cairo.

"Al-Ahram" also said Egypt expected to reach an agreement with the IMF on an additional \$400m. in aid over a three-year period beginning in 1978.

The paper quoted Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs Abdul-Monem Kaissouni as saying both agreements, to be signed within two weeks, were part of a radical solution to the country's economic problems, which led to two days of rioting in several cities last week over increased food prices.

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Madrid lawyers slain in continuing violence

MADRID. — Six persons have died since Sunday in Spain's worst wave of political violence since the death of dictator Francisco Franco.

Four of the victims were labour lawyers gunned down on Monday night by suspected right-wing extremists while they held a meeting in a downtown Madrid office, and six other lawyers were injured. The two other victims were left-wing students killed in street protests.

The attack on the lawyers occurred hours after extreme left-wing guerrillas kidnapped Lieutenant General Emilio Villasana, 64-year-old president of the Supreme Council of Military Justice.

One of the injured lawyers, Alejandro Ruiz, told reporters that two men in green trenchcoats walked into the office, shouted "look at us" and opened fire on the dozen persons seated around a table.

The first of the policemen arriving at the scene of the slaughter looked at the pile of bodies, turned around and fled, press reports said.

Hundreds of lawyers gathered yesterday at the downtown headquarters of the Madrid Bar Association to wait the arrival of the coffins of their dead colleagues. The victims will lay in state at the headquarters until the funeral today.

Pedro Rius, president of the Madrid Bar Association, visited Justice Minister Landelino Lavilla,

then told 600 lawyers gathered at the association: "These assassinations have no precedent in the history of our organization."

Meanwhile, left-wing labour unions yesterday called out workers on a nationwide strike to protest political violence which the unions said, was a "fascist plot" to kill Spain's nascent democracy. A labour spokesman estimated the number of strikers at "four or five million."

The call was issued as police clashed with students in Madrid for the third consecutive day.

The strikes paralyzed industrial plants in Madrid, Barcelona and other cities. Public services, schools and some government offices were also affected.

Concern at the situation was typified by an editorial in the Spanish liberal daily "El Pais" which said "we find ourselves before a planned attempt to knock the state off balance."

Workers of the Spanish car firm Seat, near Barcelona, went on strike yesterday to protest the attack on the lawyers' office in Madrid. Madrid's three universities shut down indefinitely in mourning for a girl student who died during a demonstration yesterday, her skull broken by a police smoke bomb. (UP, AP, Reuters)

Mondale and Schmidt settle 'all problems'

BONN. — U.S. Vice-President Walter Mondale and Chancellor Helmut Schmidt met privately for two hours yesterday, in a session twice as long as scheduled and which Schmidt said resolved all of their problems.

"We have solved all of the agenda," Schmidt said as they emerged from their talks. "We have no problems left."

The agenda included international economic questions and differences over West German supply of nuclear technology to Brazil.

The talks fell under the shadow of criticisms of the policies of the new U.S. Administration attributed to Schmidt in an interview with "The New York Times." Schmidt sent his head of chancellery, Hans-Juergen Wischnewski, to see U.S. Ambassador Walter Stoessel yesterday morning to explain his remarks.

Schmidt told Mondale that during his Sunday and Monday conferences in London with British Prime Minister James Callaghan, "We talked a lot about you (Mondale) and the President and the economic summit." The "Times" quoted Schmidt as saying that President Carter had better prepare himself well for that summit session. His spokesman explained that the Chancellor meant to aim his suggestion not exclusively at the American President, but at all participants.

In a press statement issued shortly before Schmidt and Mondale met, the federal press office said the statements in the "Times" interview attributed to Schmidt are "in part absolutely incorrect, in part wrong and in one instance edited wrongly to make them appear to be current."

Despite Schmidt's disclaimers, several blunt statements in the newspaper interview seemed to stand.

The German leader was reported to have warned the new Carter Administration not to try to pressure the Bonn Government into adopting a stimulative fiscal and monetary policy.

"Any American economists who argue that the solution to our economic problems here is reflation should go back and study the problems of Europe. Until then, they better please shut their mouths," he was quoted as saying.

According to the newspaper, he added that West Germany needed no economic lectures from the U.S. because the German economy was in better shape than that of the U.S.

The press office said the newspaper had wrongly edited copy by correspondent Craig Whitney to make it appear that Schmidt's comment on an earlier occasion that he hoped President Ford would be re-elected had been repeated, when it had not. (Reuters, UPI)

Record UK Jobless

LONDON. — Britain's unemployment situation was at its blackest for nearly 30 years, government figures showed yesterday.

The 1,448,193 unemployed in January was the highest January figure since 1948 and represents 6.1 per cent of the working population. (UPI)



U.S. Vice-president Walter Mondale (left) and West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt beam at the press prior to their talks in Bonn yesterday. (AP radiophoto)

Brown proposes \$2.8b. defence cuts

WASHINGTON. — After telling Pentagon officials that he tentatively plans to cut their budgets by about \$2.8b., U.S. Defence Secretary Harold Brown is to tell the Senate Armed Services Committee how he plans to do it.

Brown was scheduled to appear before the committee yesterday and members of the panel were expected to question him on how the Carter administration hopes to reduce military spending while maintaining U.S. defence supremacy.

Two weeks ago Brown told the panel "It's not going to be easy" to squeeze \$5-7b. from the final Ford administration defence budget. He said such cuts might not be made until the new administration's first full budget year, 1977, but that such a saving is the administration's goal.

After Brown's confirmation hearing, the Ford administration submitted its record defence budget for the 1973 fiscal year, totalling \$123b. And before surrendering power, the Ford administration told Congress the U.S. must steadily strengthen its

forces in the coming years to prevent Russia from becoming the world's dominant military power.

It was learned on Monday that Brown moved toward budget cuts last Friday, the same day he was sworn in as Defence Secretary.

Acting on the basis of studies and recommendations by President Carter's defence transition team, Brown proposed reductions in more than 80 programmes, including slow-downs and stretchouts in some major nuclear weapons programmes, cutbacks in some aircraft and navy shipbuilding plans, and a 10,000-man reduction in army strength.

To the surprise of the Air Force, Brown did not list cancellation of the controversial B1 bomber, although he proposed reducing the number of advance bombers to be built next year from eight to five. However, Brown would delay for at least a year full-scale development of the big MX missile, intended to replace the present generation Minuteman missiles in the mid-1980s.

Brown has tentatively decided to scale down by \$110m. the \$280.7m. the Ford administration got from Congress last year to keep open the Minuteman production line as a hedge against possible failure of the U.S.-Soviet strategic arms limitation talks.

The army was notified that Brown believes about 10,000 men can be trimmed from a projected strength of 780,000. This met immediate army opposition. The general's command army troop strength is now close to its lower limits if it is to be able to handle its assigned tasks.

Brown is also considering a top-level reorganization of the Pentagon but "does not intend a wholesale elimination" of senior civilian posts, according to the Defence Department.

A key proposal reported under study would create three new civilian undersecretaries of defence. The aim would be to strengthen Brown's control over the sprawling defence establishment. (AP)

No end to opium in the Golden Triangle

By GRANVILLE WATTS

CHANG KHAN VILLAGE, Northern Thailand. — The Meo hill tribe village is deserted except for some ragged children and a few old women smoking opium.

The men and young women are away in their poppy fields reaping the opium harvest.

The village is in the Thai part of the so-called Golden Triangle that extends into Burma and Laos and provides most of the world's drug addicts with their heroin, morphine and opium.

The villagers work hard in the hot sun, laboriously milking the poppy buds of the white juice that will end up as heroin in the cities of the West.

In these tranquil tree-covered hills a kilo of opium fetches 3,000 Baht (12,400). Ten kilos of opium make one kilo of heroin.

On the streets of New York City, one kilo of diluted heroin sells for \$250,000.

The hill people who grow the opium seem to have no concept of how much their produce is really worth at the end of the long heroin trail.

They make a bare existence out of their crops and are mostly ignorant of the misery and crime their poppies cause.

The Meo and other tribes smoke and eat opium as a way of life, and are amazed that everybody else does not. When I asked a Meo elder if eating opium

affected his health he smiled and said: "It makes me feel good. I sleep well afterwards."

Dedicated narcotics agents confess they find it difficult to be angry at the Meo and other hill people who have been growing and smoking opium as a way of life for the past century.

The real villains of the Golden Triangle, the agents say, are the middlemen and the big buyers who run private armies to protect the opium caravans as they move down from the Shan states of Burma to Thailand.

Two units made up of remnants of the old Chinese nationalist army, the Kuomintang, which fled to Burma after the Communist takeover in China, are responsible for getting the opium caravans to the Thai border where some of it is refined into morphine and heroin at crude refineries surrounded by guards.

Here buyers from Chiang Mai and Bangkok are waiting to hand over bank notes and gold and supplies to the caravans which return to the Shan states loaded with transistor radios, clothes and other goods.

The U.S. government recently presented the Thai narcotics suppression organization with five helicopters which are being used in the drugs fight. Most of the refineries, however, are on the Burmese side of the border and the Thais cannot get at them.

Everyone I spoke to connected with drug suppression said that the Golden Triangle will go on producing most of the world's illicit drugs until the Burmese government regains control of its outlaw northern areas. Only then can the poppy fields be ploughed up and new crops take their place. (Reuters)

IN BRIEF

Six Argentinians shot at roadblock

BUENOS AIRES. — Six suspected left-wing guerrillas died in a shootout with security forces, the army announced yesterday, and 15 persons, including a Spaniard, were killed in a Buenos Aires grenade explosion.

The latest killings brought to 84 the death toll so far this year from unabated Argentine political violence. During 1976, 1,480 persons lost their lives, more than half them suspected left-wing extremists.

The six extremist suspects, including four young women, were killed after they opened fire at a security checkpoint in the city of Rosario 500 kms. north of here. (A)

Waldheim grateful for Assad's cooperation

NICOSIA, Cyprus. — UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim said he was grateful to President Hafez Assad of Syria for his "constructive cooperation" with the international body. Damascus radio reports yesterday.

The radio was quoting statements made by Waldheim in an interview with the Damascus newspaper "Thaaneen."

The paper said Waldheim added "I must declare so openly aspects which we are trying at this moment to reach a just and permanent settlement of the Middle East crisis."

"I am grateful to President Assad and respect him because he always ready to cooperate with and with the UN in an honest way," Waldheim said.

Opec ministers choose Stockholm

VIENNA. — The next conference of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries will begin on 12 in Stockholm, a spokesman of OPEC headquarters said yesterday.

Press officer Hamid Zuberi said: "We have asked the Swedish government for the meeting and they answered very kindly and from the affirmative."

While there was no official confirmation, observers here said some ministers apparently were reluctant to attend a conference Vienna where six terrorists seized OPEC headquarters in December 1973, taking nine of the hostages.

Another jailbreak

MILAN, Italy. — Four convicted armed robbers escaped from a prison through a ball of gunfire Monday in Italy's ninth jailbreak this year.

The jailbreak raised to 40 number who escaped from 11 "outdated," overcrowded and derelict prisons this year. Jailbreakers numbered 388 last year — one every 24 hours on average.

Strangler arrested

BRAUNSCHWEIG, West Germany. — Detectives arrested a man in connection with the strangling of a 15-year-old girl last week, police said yesterday.

A police spokesman said the man was arrested on suspicion of being a member of a group of extortionists who had been active in the area.

Wolfgang Kraemer, a 46-year-old bank president, his wife Brigitte and three of their children were covered by police on Thursday night with belts around their necks.

Amin celebrates

KAMPALA. — President Idi Amin celebrated yesterday that guerrilla fighters must be defeated in the Southern Sudan and the die East to regain their rights. "The fire has been lit in the struggle and will continue to burn," Amin said in a message marking the sixth anniversary of his accession to power in this landlocked East African nation.

Saudia's royal family may split on succession

By JOE ALEX MORRIS JR.

The Los Angeles Times

RIYADH. — The health of Saudi Arabia's King Khaled is causing increasing concern here. The King is sick — that is commonly known. But how sick is another question.

The subject is delicate here, and information is hard to come by. The royal family does not broadcast problems considered to concern only the family.

Should ill health force Khaled to retire, or remove him from the scene, the royal hierarchy could be subject to new strains. Some observers believe the family is capable of effecting a smooth transition, as it did after the assassination of King Faisal two years ago.

But, as always in such matters, there is an element of uncertainty. In Saudi Arabia there is no tradition of primogeniture, succession by the eldest son, and if the royal family were to split over succession, a serious political crisis could result.

King Khaled, believed to be 63 years old, is suffering from heart and circulatory ailments. Contrary to expectations, he appeared at the airport last Saturday to welcome French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing.

But Khaled was walking with a cane, and after greeting Giscard he departed, leaving the French President to review the honour guard with Crown Prince Fahd.

The huge Saudi royal family, which includes several thousand recognized princes, is an amorphous body with several broad tendencies that could surface if the King faded from the scene. The two basic strains are the traditionalists and the progressives.

Beyond them is a large group of princes who are the sons and grandsons of the late King Saud, deposed in a palace coup two decades ago. They are the odd men out today, an uncertain factor along with other



King Khaled

members of the royal family have gone into business or stayed out of politics. One of the princes, Mohammed, the eldest son of King Abdul Aziz, founder of the kingdom.

King Khaled is counted among traditionalists. Perhaps the closest to him in the royal family is Abdullah, the commander of the national guard.

The reformist wing of the family is headed by Crown Prince Fahd, whom Khaled has turned to government business and policymaking. He draws his support from his four brothers, the sons of one of Abdul Aziz's wives who came from the Sudanic tribe.

They are known popularly as "Sudanic seven" and they are the Defence Minister, Prince Sultan, and several brothers in other positions.

Fahd is a reformist, not so much in the special sense as in his conviction that Saudi Arabia must play a role in Arab and international affairs. It was under his initiative the country has become a major oil-exporting nation and the line on oil prices.

Zambia wants war in Rhodesia

LUSAKA. — Zambia yesterday called for a decisive intensification of the guerrilla war in Rhodesia and pledged its support for war as the only way to oust the white minority government of Premier Ian Smith.

"It is clear there is no other way but war, and Africans can win the fight for Zimbabwe," Reuben Kamanga, a member of the ruling central committee responsible for foreign affairs, said.

British Foreign Secretary Anthony Crosland yesterday described the rejection as "a serious setback to all

our hopes for peace in Rhodesia."

"The government learned of the rejection with a deep sense of disappointment," Crosland told Parliament. "We must now give intensive study to any options which may still be open to us in this new situation," he said.

Richard, who flew to Johannesburg on Monday, said yesterday that talks on a negotiated Rhodesia settlement might still resume. Richard is seeking another meeting with South African Prime Minister John Vorster. (UPI)

Rabbis 'blackmailed' by Nixon, LBJ

HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, New Jersey. — A spokesman for the Rabbinical Council of America says the group was pressured into supporting the Vietnam War by the administrations of Richard Nixon and Lyndon Johnson as necessary to justify continued U.S. support for Israel.

"It was a kind of blackmail," Rabbi Bernard Twersky said at the opening on Monday night of a meeting of the Council, which represents about 1,000 U.S. orthodox rabbis.

The charge came as the council's president Rabbi Walter S. Wurzburger, called the war a "terrible debacle" and urged total amnesty for those who resisted it. He voiced the revised viewpoint at the opening of a special council convocation on the Torah-biblical law.

Both the call for inclusive amnesty and the condemnation of the war represented a departure for the Council which had previously opposed special consideration for Vietnam draft evaders and military deserters. (AP)

Toots Shor, New York barkeep, dies at 73

NEW YORK. — Bernard "Toots" Shor, a saloonkeeper who served strong drinks and good stories to generations of celebrities here, died on Sunday of an undisclosed illness. It was reported Monday. Shor, 73, had been hospitalized since December 13.

At the time of his death he was running two mid-Manhattan saloons.

Despite his disregard for most accepted rules of good customer relations, Shor attracted a wide and loyal following, including such avowed partisans as writer Ernest Hemingway, baseball player Joe Dimaggio, boxing heavyweight Jack Dempsey — who had his own bar — and the late actor Paul Douglas. (AP)

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Integrity and delight

By YORANAN BOHRM

CLAUDE FRANK, piano, ISRAELI WOODWIND QUINSET (Tang Music Centre, Elia Ramon, January 22). Program: "Landscapes" by Schubert; Impromptus, opus 142; Mozart: Andante, K. 616; Mozart: Piano Quintet, K. 492.

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vance of technicalities but not carried away by them.

The Schubert Impromptus exemplified this attitude in a beautiful way: every phrase was well rounded, the continuity of the singing line was maintained with perfect tonal balance of all the notes; transitions came over absolutely naturally, and the tempo seemed always right. His collaboration with the wind instruments in the Mozart Quintet was also a joy: there was a give and take between the partners, neither trying to dominate the other, which brought out all the beauty of this lovely work.

The Wind Quintet (Shobam, Thorne, Lesser, Rimmon, Reichtman) maintains its standard of perfection, and complete integration of tonal balance and musical attitude leads to performances of high integrity and delight.

Trio should wait with classical repertoire

VIDOM TRIO — Victor Derevianko, piano; Dora Schwartzberg, viola; Marc Drabinsky, cello (Jerusalem Khan, January 23). Program: Trio in C, K. 548; Ives: Trio; Schubert: Trio No. 1, opus 99.

THIS ENSEMBLE is one of the most active chamber music teams in Israel. One watches its progress with particular interest as an outstanding case of Russian-trained musical talents acclimating themselves to the interpretative approaches and presentation of the free world.

Obviously, the Trio feels most at home in music by Russian composers. This was exemplified in their performance of Shostakovich where understanding and identification resulted in tight and exciting readings. In general, contemporary scores are given very lively and committed readings.

On this evening, their performance of the Charles Ives Trio was, in conformity with the aforesaid, by far the most impressive item on the programme. Not only is this a most interesting work — and the Vidom Trio deserve full credit for including it in their repertoire — but the presentation loosened the three ar-

tists from the tension of their reading of the Mozart Trio. If only attack and dynamics could be controlled — a trio should not be made to sound like an orchestra, and *fortissimo* has several degrees of loudness, with an optimum limit.

Pianist Victor Derevianko has added flexibility and shading of touch to his playing which has considerably improved its attractiveness. Cellist Marc Drabinsky is a fine instrumentalist often providing beautiful phrases, though he is seemingly still in the process of intense search for a balanced articulation. Dora Schwartzberg's large tone has been replaced by restrained volume, but what is lamentable is her uneven and inconsistent phrasing which, in music like that of Mozart and Schubert, makes these shortcomings even more obvious and regrettable considering the enormous technical resources at her command.

Perhaps, the Trio should concentrate on works suited to their musical inclinations and wait with the classical repertoire until they have achieved a more open attitude with wider horizons.

Brazilian orange pickers halved

Jerusalem Post Reporter

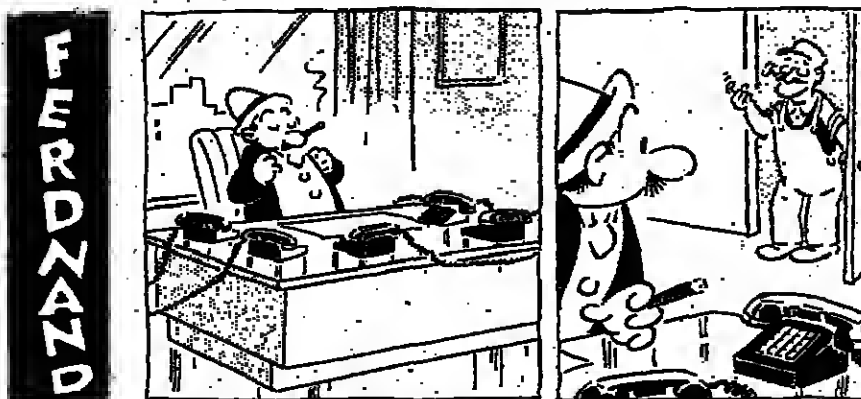
The number of young Brazilian Jews who will take part in this year's "Operation Oranges" here has been cut in half since their government required travellers to make a deposit of \$7,000 on their departure.

Six hundred youngsters came from Brazil in 1976 to harvest citrus fruits during their current summer vacation. But only 300 are expected this season because of the new Brazilian law.

The deposit is returned a year after it is paid to the government, but its value shrinks 30 per cent due

to inflation. Despite the drop in participants from Brazil, the overall number from Latin America has increased from 1,300 in 1976 to 1,600 this year, with the main increase from Argentina.

The fruit pickers pay their fare and work as volunteers in the fields for nearly two months. The World Zionist Organisation's Youth and Hehalutz Department, which has sponsored the operation since the Yom Kippur War, will take them on a tour of the country and invite them to a special entertainment evening in Jerusalem.



ENTERTAINMENT

TELEVISION

EDUCATIONAL: 9.10 English 6.30 (Chayal) Selection: 9.00 English 7. 9.25 Hebrew for adults: 10.24 Science/Nature 2-3. 10.45 Language and Communications 3-5. 11.10 Math 7. 11.30 English 8. 12.10 English 8. 12.30 Geometry 8. 12.50 Physics 8. 13.10 History: Journey of the Cross 12.50 Road Safety 12.55 Handicraft 13.00.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES: 17.30 Service broadcast. 17.40 The World of Walt Disney ARABIC LANGUAGE programmes: 18.30 News roundup. 18.35 Educational programme on culture, education and health. The Spirit of the Year. 19.00 Father Knows Best. 19.30 Programme announcements. 19.50 News.

HEBREW PROGRAMMES resume at 20.00 with Foldat: A romantic serial set in Cornwall in the late 18th century against a background of copper mining, famine and riot. With Robin Ellis and Angharad Rees. 21.30 Documentary (no details available). 22.00 The Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner. Tony Richardson's film of 1962 starring Michael Redgrave, Tom Courtenay, and a young Michael Caine. 22.30 The Fox and the Lion. A story of a confused young man in a Borstal. 23.00 News.

JORDAN TV (unofficial): 18.15 The Ghost. 18.30 The Last Days of Pompeii. 18.50 The Last Days of Pompeii. 19.00 News in Hebrew. 20.00 News in Arabic. 20.30 News in English. 21.00 Science Report. 21.30 The Pallisers. 22.00 News in English. 22.30 Mystery Movie.

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Favourite sons

THE 92 per cent of the population who are not members of a Moshav or a Kibbutz probably did not know until now that the children and grandchildren of the pioneers are favourite sons indeed. However rich the fathers may have become, the sons still get their secondary education at about half the cost that urban taxpayers have to pay. Three quarters of these taxpayers are, of course, fellow-members of the working class who enjoy no tax deductions or other liberal subsidies.

It has been known for a long time that our Kibbutzim and Moshavim are probably the most highly subsidized segment of the population. This was perhaps fully justified in the past. But today continuation of this system undermines many of the values for which these people stand.

Thus, for example, our producers of food generally take care to sell their products to their own marketing organizations and then to buy them back for their own consumption at lower, subsidized prices. Legally, they are within their rights, for we have not yet changed over from a system of subsidizing the product to one of assisting, where necessary, the consumer.

It is also well known that the level of education in our agricultural society, and particularly in the Kibbutzim, is of a very high level. This is as it should be and reflects the high value which the Kibbutzim put on education and culture. But that must be seen in a new light when it emerges that most of it is subsidized by the taxpayers.

It turns out that for years this has been the case even for Moshavim and Kibbutzim who have become affluent, including some where each individual member may be considered a millionaire.

In absolute magnitude, the problem is probably not large. It may affect some 10 per cent of the high school student population and even among those there are many who would be entitled to free tuition or high rebates by any criterion now applied. From the ethical viewpoint, however, it would be well if those who rush to meetings or elsewhere to call for a revival of values and other laudable things would take a closer look at what the technocrats in their own secretariats have managed to extract from the public purse.

It is just possible that these well-meaning people are not even aware of what goes on in their own backyards.

At a time when the public is called upon to accept austerity, it is intolerable that even the long-established and wealthiest Kibbutzim should enjoy rebates of no less than 42 per cent, while even middle-income tax parents have to bear the full burden of education fees.

There is no point in blaming the Kibbutzim and Moshavim for trying to perpetuate their status as favourite sons beyond their admittedly just deserts. They try to get what they can. For the general public the address for protest is the Ministry of Education and the Treasury, who should do away with this as well as other unnecessary, irrational and unjust subsidies.

Bar-Lev's false start

MINISTER OF COMMERCE and Industry Eliaz Bar-Lev, head of the Alignment's election campaign committee, told a press conference Monday that the Alignment's poor image is due to the fact that Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was not trained for the job but trained on it. The Cabinet and its members paid considerably for their basic training.

Mr. Bar-Lev also added that the key posts in the Rabin Government were entrusted to men who were new to the Cabinet or to their specific post, namely Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz, Defence Minister Shimon Peres and Foreign Minister Yigal Allon.

So much for the facts — or at least half of them. While Mr. Bar-Lev could not be more embarrassingly right in regard to Rabin and Rabinowitz and their lack of training and background for their jobs, he is overlooking it when he attempts to lump in Peres and Allon in the argument. Mr. Peres actually ran the Ministry of Defence for 12 years as Director-General or Deputy Minister under Ben-Gurion, Lavon and Eshkol. It is hard to imagine any better training for the full Ministerial job.

Mr. Allon devoted thought to, been involved in, and written books

about Israel's foreign affairs since his days at Oxford in the early 1950s. His interest in foreign affairs has been the whole point of his otherwise unexplained insistence on serving as Deputy Prime Minister in addition to being Minister of Education in the Levi Eshkol and Golda Meir governments.

Mr. Bar-Lev was wrong on one other crucial point: it was the country and not only "the Cabinet and its members" who paid considerably for the basic training of the new Prime Minister and Cabinet Ministers installed in the wake of Golda Meir's resignation in the spring of 1974.

The Alignment's election campaign head should also be faulted on tactical grounds. There is current unanimity in the Labour Party, both among Rabin and Peres supporters, of the urgent need for a far-going face-lifting in the leadership team it will field in the elections. How is this going to jibe with a view that seems to imply that now that the Alignment's neophyte leaders have completed their expensive basic training it would be folly to replace them with new untrained hands.

The answer is that it doesn't, because Mr. Bar-Lev's basic conception of what being a Prime Minister

or Minister is all about is wrong. The problem with the Rabin Government has not been that its members were not up to grasping the details needed to manage their ministries due to lack of training. The difficulty rather, was in their inability to provide leadership to a political team and to a war-shocked nation.

Although it was only less than three years ago, one must go back to the time when the Labour Party's team of "untrained" neophyte Ministers was selected to replace the Old Guard of the Golda Meir cabinet, to place what has happened since in context.

Rabin was number 30 on the Alignment's list to the Knesset and Minister of Labour in Golda Meir's ill-fated Cabinet — with her grudging consent — when he was plucked out of the ranks to become Prime Minister. There were two major reasons for this choice, besides the patronage of the late Mr. Rabin and the Old Guard who feared the alternative of Peres. Rabin was also intelligent enough to persist in not being identified with any wing of the party or any partisan stand on the issues which divided it.

This combination of historic luck and tactical cleverness was sufficient for Rabin to defeat party

The Alignment's election campaign chief gotten off to a poor start in trying to improve image of the Rabin Government argues YOS GOELL.

veteran Peres at a traumatic time when the party's predominant leaders — Dayan and Allon, to mention only two — had effectively cancelled themselves out of the race. What was good for an electoral fluke, however, has proven to be inadequate for piling up a record on which to run for re-election. Three years later it is still impossible to know what Rabin is for and what he is against, and more important, what he is willing and politically capable of fighting for, to the end.

As to Mr. Rabinowitz. In all fairness it should be remembered that he was not Rabin's first choice for the Finance Ministry nor did he take the post willingly after negotiations with Yehoshua Levinson of Bank Hapoalim fell through. Throughout the latter part of 1974 and early 1975 Treasury officials were reported to be considerably impressed with Mr. Rabinowitz's diligence in getting a grasp on the problems he and his Ministry had to contend with and with his determination to "de-Sapirize" the economy. The problem was not in the Finance Minister's inability to learn; it was in his political and personal inability to cut through the Gordian knots which had, over the years, paralysed

the fields of taxation, relations and income policy, and economy as a whole. To advance the argument, a Bar-Lev seems to have done, personal inexperience was a root of Labour Alignment's image is trailing on damp ground. For it is tantamount to milking that Labour had better to offer in 1974, and hardly claim that Rabin Rabinowitz, who took office an overflying of public goodwill any better in 1977 than they 1974.

Mr. Bar-Lev's argument, for ingenuousness, is perhaps an example of his own inexperience in election campaigns. He chosen to kick it off by referring to Labour's weakest point — domestic record of the Government. So, it should be the drawing board for Mr. Bar-Lev and his campaign staff, to come with more persuasive argument. Certainly Rabin's performance in foreign affairs and the discouragement of the Begin and oppositions on both foreign and domestic matters should be more fertile fields for Alignment's campaign effort.

READERS' LETTERS

BABIES VACCINE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — In the interview of Professor Daniel Cohen of the Beersheba Medical School on the subject of babies (December 31), it is stated that "in 1974, Israel reported serious reaction in 457 treatments" (of babies vaccine). According to our figures, there were indeed 457 treatments in 1974, but only three cases of serious reactions to the vaccine were reported.

DR. T. SCHWARTZ, Chief Epidemiologist, Ministry of Health, Jerusalem.

Sir, — In my article of December 31, unfortunately, due to a typographical error, the number was omitted in the paragraph discussing serious reactions to babies vaccine. There was one paralytic reaction and two systemic allergic reactions reported out of a total of 457 vaccinations given in 1974. The paralytic reaction is a serious problem associated with the utilization of vaccines of nerve tissue origin which is the type most frequently used in Israel today.

From 1960 to 1974 Israel reported a total of 17 paralytic reactions out of 11,890 persons who at least started the Pasteur treatment, or one reaction per 700 persons vaccinated. This is a very high ratio even for this type of vaccine, for we generally observe only one reaction per 3,000-10,000 vaccinations in other parts of the world.

Nerve tissue vaccines have been totally replaced in the United States by a vaccine of duck embryo origin (which is available, but less frequently used in Israel). While it has sometimes been argued that the nerve tissue vaccines are more effective and should, therefore, be used despite their greater risk of serious reactions, recent data reported by the U.S. Public Health Service (Mortality Weekly Report, December 31, 1976), shows this is not the case. There is thus no justification for the continued use of nerve tissue vaccines in Israel today where they are frequently given to persons who may have only been indirectly exposed to rabies, or in some cases, to persons exposed only to vaguely suspect animals which cannot be apprehended.

I have also been informed by the Chief Veterinary Officer of the Ministry of Agriculture, Dr. Shimon, that while the quarantine laws which I have mentioned concerning dogs exposed to the bite of a rabid animal were formerly correct, they have been recently changed and made more stringent and now read as follows: 1. If a vaccinated dog has been exposed to the bite of a rabid animal, it is recommended that it be put in a cage to sleep or be vaccinated and quarantined for six months. 2. If the bitten dog was not vaccinated, then it is immediately destroyed. They therefore urge that all dogs be vaccinated throughout the country so that their owner may have an option to save their exposed pet.

PROFESSOR DANIEL COHEN, Centre for Health Sciences, Ben Gurion University, Beersheba.

OLD CITY EVICTIONS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Please allow me to express my admiration for David Krivine's excellent exposure of the deliberate mis-statements contained in the letter to the London "Times" by Very Rev. G. Clive Handford, Dean of St. George's Anglican Church, Jerusalem (January 18).

What, in my view, is even more disgusting than actual untruths, is the smirking of self-satisfaction and holy humbug that pervades his letter. Will His Reverence, out of respect for his cloth, now have the decency to write to the "Times" and retract his false accusations?

LAURENCE ELYAN, Nahariya.

Sir, — David Krivine's reply to the letter of the Very Rev. G. Clive Handford, Dean of St. George's Anglican Church, Jerusalem, is a complete vindication of the Israeli authorities in regard to the eviction of the three Arab families. It is a great pity that public per-

sons of the Dean's omniscience do not verify the facts before rushing to write to the prestigious London "Times." I was further most concerned to read in the "Times" that the Dean had gone to the trouble of obtaining the added names of some prominent Britons to endorse his libellous accusations.

Surely we may expect a higher standard from persons of the Church who must be well aware that the causing of "groundless hatred" is to be avoided at all costs in the interests of co-existence and harmony.

HARRY PETTES, Jerusalem.

Sir, — What about real Christian justice? Surely followers of Jesus of Nazareth should be able to see and stand for the truth. It seems that, in some quarters, the Jews and Israel can do nothing right.

WIDAD VAN DER HOEFEN (Mrs.), An Arab Christian, Jerusalem.

MOBILE DENTAL CLINIC

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I am writing to you to tell you of the excellent dental care given by the "Drive-In Dental Care" (January 4).

Ex-South African dentists in Israel are a small but influential and highly regarded section of the Israeli dental fraternity. They are personally well known to each other, and none of them would object if one fact in Joseph Morgenstern's article were corrected.

The man who conceived the idea and convinced the Army Medical Corps to mobilize the mobile dental

clinic, who supervised equipping the clinic, and who did the duty and who commanded the unit for more than three months during and after the Yom Kippur War, was an Israeli qualified dentist who, as a boy, arrived in Israel with Youth Aliya, a refugee from post-war Europe.

To this man, Rav-Seren (res.), A. Begleiter, many thousands of soldiers owe thanks for their dental treatment during and after the war, and the bees will help pollinate the land of the birth of belief. You need us. We need you. Greet us and treat us a little better, please.

(Name and address supplied.) Netanya.

TREAT TOURISTS BETTER

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Tourism is essential to the economy of Israel and I am afraid that most hotels I visited are so lax, ill-equipped and unconcerned. Fortunately, I stayed at the Tel Aviv Hilton and the Jerusalem Hilton and I know that there is some hope that future tourists will taste courtesy — the honey of the land.

The greatness that is Israel, its history and its people is the reason we come to the Holy Land. Please encourage us to return. Please send us home with a taste of honey to inspire others to follow. A smile of honest warmth; an answer softly given to an ignorant (not stupid) question; a kind helpful suggestion; and the bees will help pollinate the land of the birth of belief. You need us. We need you. Greet us and treat us a little better, please.

Jerusalem (New York).

ELECTORAL REFORM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I cannot help reflecting on the paradox of politicians seeking electoral reform in Israel to approximate to the British constituency system of elections, while in Britain, a growing number would like to convert to that of proportional representation. These are to be found not only in the British Liberal Party, which is the 1974 General Election obtained over 2 million votes with only 13 seats in a 630-seat House of Commons, but also among those who favour devolution of power to Scotland and Wales with their own elected Assemblies.

Britain's Labour Government has at present a majority of one over all

five opposition parties and the headaches this presents to the Whips are not much less than those of the Israeli Labour Party and her coalition partners. Admittedly, the British opposition parties seldom combine to overthrow the government, but when they do, as in the case of the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Nationalisation Bill last April, they all but succeed due to the technical parliamentary device known as "pairing."

Perhaps both Israel and Britain can learn from each other's electoral experiences to their mutual advantage.

PERCY GOURGEY, Jerusalem.

"NOT PROVEN"

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — In his letter of January 12, Louis Rabinowitz takes exception to the Prime Minister's "Declaration of Innocence" of the late Avraham Ofer and compares the situation with the "case of a verdict which exists in Scottish law — Not Proven."

This comparison is misleading. A verdict of "Not Proven" in Scottish law is preceded by a trial in a competent court and the verdict constitutes the judgment. According to the report recently submitted by the Attorney General, there were no court proceedings, nor was an inquiry instituted; all that occurred was the police looked into a complaint presented by a reporter and examined contents in order to decide whether the institution of an official inquiry was warranted. Thus, the Scottish "Not Proven" does not apply here.

ITZHAQ OLSHAN, Jerusalem.

POSTSCRIPTS



MK Werdliger, right, presents drawing to the Prime Minister (Rahamim Yisraeli)

PRIME MINISTER Yitzhak Rabin has had a couple of opportunities lately to see himself as others see him. Had he been Robby Burns, this would have pleased him.

First he was presented with a bust of himself sculpted by Danny Kabri. Now he has been given a drawing made of him by Knesset Member Avraham Werdliger of Poalei Agudat Israel. The portrait is unusual, not so much because it is the work of an ultra-religious man, but because it was sketched by Mr. Werdliger during idle moments in the Knesset.

Presumably, most MKs doodle while listening to endless and repetitive speeches, but not all the doodles turn out to be full-blown portraits. Not hatched, to the artist-parliamentarian.

KNOWING the hobbies and habits of men who make the news can be comforting, because it often cuts them down to life-size. We should therefore be grateful to "Events," the Arab magazine appearing in London, which has now published a survey of the leisure habits of some of our neighbours.

Israelis, of course, all know that King Hussein loves flying and motor racing — we have often seen him indulging in these passions on Jordan TV. Now we learn that he has organized an annual Amman-Aqaba

Grand Prix and that Assad shares his love of plotting his own plane. King Khalid of Saudi Arabia, his brothers and most of the Gulf States potentates adore falconry. The favourite leisure "activity" of Sheikh Khalifa of Qatar is retiring into the jumbo-sized tent full of Persian rugs and silken cushions that he has built in his palace courtyard.

Iraqi strong-man Saddam Hussein is "passionately keen" on neckties and changes them twice a day from his unrivalled, mostly Parisian collection (does he hide them under his n-bayeh? what a pity, if so).

King Hassan of Morocco is a keen polo player, so much so that his Cabinet ministers often have to take state papers to the polo-ground for him to sign at half-time. President Assad is a film fan (as was Nasser who used to have four private film shows a week — mostly cowboy pictures — at his home), but Assad is "equally fond of poetry, literature and the arts in general." Anwar Sadat's hobby is writing and he keeps daily records for his future memoirs.

Too bad none of them play tennis. On the other hand, our potential prime ministers might start taking an interest in some of the leisure habits mentioned above. It could come in useful when peace comes. M.S.

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